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RIC STAFFS THE HEALTH SERVICE

- RIC hired three permanent full-time members in April to operate the new Rural Information Center Health Service (RICHS) component:

Louise Murphy Simmons joined RIC as a full-time health information specialist. Mrs. Simmons earned a B.S. in health planning from Pennsylvania State University in 1982 and an M.A. in health education from the University of Maryland in 1991. She has eight years of experience as a health professional including managing daily operations of the National Cancer Institute's nationwide Cancer Information Hotline.

Joy Zimmerman also joined RIC as a full-time health information specialist. Mrs. Zimmerman earned a B.A. in social work from Concordia College, in Moorhead, Minnesota, in 1986 and a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1989. She has worked as a child care worker, developmental therapist, and program associate for human resource assistance programs. She worked for one year as Director of Information and Technical Assistance for the Homelessness Information Exchange, Washington, D.C.

Deborah Wesley joined RIC as a full-time secretary. Ms. Wesley majored in a business program in high school. She began concentrating on architecture at Montgomery Community College in 1989 and plans to continue her studies part-time at the University of Maryland. Ms. Wesley has worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture since 1984.

- One part-time staff person joined RIC:

Beverley Headley-Ayotunde joined RIC as a part-time library technician. Mrs. Headley-Ayotunde is a Ph.D. candidate in nutritional biochemistry at Howard University in Washington, DC. She also holds a master's degree in microbiology (1980) and bachelor's degree in medical technology (1977) from Howard. She previously worked with the Food and Nutrition Information Center of the National Agricultural Library and plans to pursue a career as a health professional and researcher.

- One RIC Intergovernmental Personal Act (IPA) appointee has completed his tour with RIC:

Dr. Joseph Pankau joined RIC on a four month Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) appointment from the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service where he had extensive experience as a health education specialist. Dr. Pankau earned a B.S. in health administration, an M.S. in community health, and a Ph.D. in health and safety studies from the University of Illinois. He also earned an R.N. from St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, IL. He has fifteen years experience working in hospital education departments and eight years as a health education specialist. Upon completion of his IPA appointment at RIC, Dr. Pankau reported to the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service where he will be establishing a health education program.



RURAL ART PROGRAMS

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) recently published a brochure entitled *The Arts in Rural America*. The guide includes a listing of NEA rural programs available for communities, organizations, and citizens and a listing of state, regional, and service resource organizations. Free brochure copies are available from the:

Office of Public Information
National Endowment for the Arts
Washington, D. C. 20506
202-682-5400

NEW RIC BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Rural Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development. Prepared by Patricia La Caille John. Updated edition. 232 citations. July 1991, 18 p.

Rural Leadership. Prepared by Patricia La Caille John. Updated edition. 186 citations. July 1991, 18 p.

PRESENTATIONS

Terri Brown, RIC Health Librarian, gave a presentation about RIC's new health service at a meeting of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The meeting was held at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco. The medical library network is coordinated by the National Library of Medicine.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Patricia John, RIC Coordinator, is serving on the President's Initiative on Rural Development Management Group. The Group is responsible for developing the federal implementation strategy for the President's Initiative.

FY91 RURAL INFORMATION CENTER ANALYSIS

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

BREAKDOWN OF RURAL QUESTIONS

Economic Viability.....	36%
Health Services	34%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources	21%
Local Government Services	7%
Leadership/Community Change.....	2%

STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC. SUBMITTING HIGHEST NUMBER OF REQUESTS

District of Columbia, Maryland (7% each)	14%
Texas.....	5%
Missouri	4%
California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, (3% each)	30%
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming (2% each)	34%
All others (20 states, 3 territories and 7 foreign countries)	13%

AFFILIATION BREAKDOWN

State & County Extension Staff.....	23%
Individuals & Health Care Professionals/Organizations (14% each)	28%
Universities.....	12%
Local Officials, USDA Officials, & Businesses (6% each).....	18%
Economic Development/Community Organizations	5%
Special Interest Groups	4%
State Officials & Libraries (3% each)	6%
Federal Officials (non-USDA).....	2%
Congress & Educational Institutions (1% each).....	2%